

Ms. Sue Patnude
WDFW Region #6 Director
48 Devonshire Road
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Dear Ms. Patnude,

I would like to bring to your attention what I consider to be commendable effort by two of your staff – Ms. Jaye Moore and Officer Phillip Henry. At a time when concise communication and open interaction between WDFW and the public are paramount, I feel their efforts deserve recognition.

Last week I hunted elk in Area #6071. Not being a local, I was largely unaware of the unique circumstances that govern hunting in that area. Out of frustration and uncertainty, I approached Henry and Moore in the field, asked for their cooperation, and was well received. They took time away from their duties, and we talked in detail. Within a quarter hour, they did a masterful job of conveying to me the differing perspectives, regulations and expectations involved, while all the time being courteous, supportive, and thorough.

The Dept.'s stated goal to protect, sustain and manage hunted wildlife while minimizing adverse impacts to residents/landowners was well served by that brief conversation. The two of them put forth an outstanding effort to both represent the Dept.'s objectives and interact with licenseholders like myself. I've been on the water or in the field most of my life, and never encountered better. I can only hope that WDFW will continue to seek out and employ such personnel.

Sincerely,
Greg Larson